



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 739
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
<http://lachildrenscommission.org>**

Monday, December 3, 2012

10:00 AM

Present: Chair Geneva Berger, Vice Chair Helen Kleinberg, Vice Chair Susan F. Friedman, Commissioner Carol O. Biondi, Commissioner Patricia Curry, Commissioner Ann E. Franzen, Commissioner Dr. La-Doris McClaney, Commissioner Steven M. Olivas Esq., Commissioner Adelina Sorkin LCSW/ACSW and Commissioner Martha Trevino-Powell

Excused: Commissioner Dr. Sunny Kang, Commissioner Daphne Ng, Commissioner Sandra Rudnick and Commissioner Dr. Harriette F. Williams

Call to Order. (12-5520)

The meeting was called to order at 10:13 a.m.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Introduction of December 3, 2012 Meeting attendees. (12-5327)

Self-Introductions were made.

2. Approval of the December 3, 2012 Meeting Agenda. (12-5328)

On motion of Commissioner La Doris McClaney, seconded by Steven M. Olivas, Esq., unanimously carried, (Commissioners Kang, Ng, Rudnick, and Williams being absent), this item was approved.

3. Approval of the minutes from the Meeting of November 19, 2012. (12-5329)

On motion of Commissioner La Doris McClaney, seconded by Steven M. Olivas, Esq., unanimously carried, (Commissioners Kang, Ng, Rudnick, and Williams being absent), this item was approved with the following amendment:

Present:

Chair Geneva Berger, Vice Chair Helen Kleinberg, Vice Chair Susan F. Friedman, Commissioner Carol O. Biondi, Commissioner Patricia Curry, Commissioner Ann E. Franzen, Commissioner Dr. La-Doris McClaney, Commissioner Daphne Ng, Commissioner Steven M. Olivas Esq., ~~Commissioner Adelina Sorkin LCSW/ACSW~~ and Commissioner Martha Trevino-Powell

Excused:

Commissioner Dr. Sunny Kang, Commissioner Sandra Rudnick, Commissioner Adelina Sorkin LCSW/ACSW, and Commissioner Dr. Harriette F. Williams

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II. REPORTS

4. Chair's report for December 3, 2012 by Geneva Berger, Chair. (12-5330)

Chair Berger reported the following:

- **This year's Holiday luncheon is scheduled for this afternoon following the meeting at Taix French Restaurant in Los Angeles.**
- **The last Commission meeting of the year will be held on December 17, 2012.**
- **Agenda Item 7, presentation by Matt Cervantes, Sierra Health Foundation was canceled due to his unavailability.**
- **Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich's Oath of Office Ceremony is being held this morning, December 3, 2012.**

By common consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

Agenda Item 5 was taken after Agenda Item 8.

5. DCFS Director's report for December 3, 2012 by Philip Browning, Director, DCFS. (12-5331)

Director Browning reported the following:

- **The Strategic Plan is underway. Training was provided to the Strategic Plan Team Leaders.**
- **The Title IV E Waiver (Waiver) application is underway; DCFS anticipates having it ready by the end of this year.**
- **DCFS has begun participation on the Sex Trafficking Committee with the Probation Department.**
- **DCFS Staff is following up on foster care youth with addresses that are found to match the address on file for recently released prisoners under Assembly Bill 109 to ensure that the foster care youth is in safe placement.**
- **The DCFS Policy Manual rework begins today.**
- **The Commission requested that Director Browning provide a list of mental health services needed for DCFS programs along with approximate projections of funding needed for prevention services.**
- **Director Browning explained DCFS prepares a report required by the Katie A. process that tracks children within the system with mental health issues. Copies of this report will be provided to the Commission.**

After discussion, by common consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

6. **Systems Leadership Team Update:**

- **Adelina Sorkin, Commission Representative (12-5278)**

Commissioner Sorkin provided a brief history of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and reported the following:

- **The Systems Leadership Team (SLT) was implemented as an advisory and monitoring team, to address issues related to the MHSA Plan implementation and the mental health system.**

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- The SLT holds meetings monthly with approximately 40 to 42 of the 48 members in attendance. The intended membership is a representation of the stakeholder's from different areas. The three-year plan's components focus on Community Services and Supports (CSS), Capital Facilities and Technological Needs (CFTN), Workforce Education and Training (WET).
 - At the last SLT meeting, it was announced that the three-year plan will be postponed for one year due to pending information from the State. The current programs will be rolled over. Additionally, the current programs' expenditures will be memorialized, meaning that the plan's funding will be adjusted to match the amounts that were spent for these programs. This is concerning because it is questionable whether the original percentage of funding to be allocated to children and TAY will or has been affected. Additionally, the TAY System Navigators may be eliminated due to the full service partnerships being at capacity.
 - The SLT was provided the Prudent Reserve formula in May of 2012; there were several questions regarding its formula. The formula increased the Department's administrative allocation by 20%.
 - The SLT's membership composition is largely made up of Department of Mental Health (DMH) employees with 22% and Providers having 28% representation. The SLT needs a greater representation advocating for children.
 - The SLT voted at their last meeting on the proposal to provide \$500,000 funding for TAY under the 241.1 Pilot Project.

Commissioner Curry added that the report titled, "Strengthening the 241.1 Project and Delinquency Prevention Pilot for Crossover Youth" submitted to the Board of Supervisors (Board) by the Chief Executive Office (CEO) addressed necessary funding for the 241.1 Pilot Project based on the current number of 241.1 youth. As the number of youth in this category increases with the countywide expansion of the 241.1 Project, there would be a need for additional funding based on the increase.

- The overuse of Emergency Rooms with psychiatric necessities continues to be a concern.

Vice Chair Kleinberg recommended that DCFS and Probation provide the Commission with a list of needed mental health programs and services that could be potentially funded under the MHSA that the Commission could advocate for.

Commissioner Sorkin will draft a letter to the SLT on behalf of the Commission to address equitable MHSA funding for children and TAY programs and services.

Commissioner Curry added that the Mental Health Workgroup has been working on a recommendation to the Board for a redesign of the MHSA process. The draft is forthcoming and will be presented at the next Commission meeting for approval by the full Commission.

After discussion, by common consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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III. PRESENTATION

- 7.** Presentation by the Sierra Health Foundation on the Positive Youth Justice Initiative.

- Matt Cervantes, Senior Program Officer (12-5519)

This item was taken off the agenda.

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IV. DISCUSSION

- 8.** Discussion and approval of the Commission's Fiscal Year 2011/12 Annual Report. (12-4704)

Commissioner Curry explained that the Mental Health portion of the Annual Report exceeds the fiscal year's reporting period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 in order to provide a cohesive history of the Commission's efforts in the area of Mental Health.

Chair Berger explained that the 2011/2012 Annual Report is pending a portion on the Crossover Youth Committee which is forthcoming and requested that the Commission approve the 2011/2012 Annual Report as presented and that the pending portion on the Crossover Youth Committee be submitted to the Chair and Vice Chairs for approval prior to the report's distribution.

On motion of Vice Chair Susan F. Friedman, seconded by Commissioner Carol O. Biondi, unanimously carried, (Commissioners Kang, Ng,

Rudnick, and Williams being absent), this item was approved with the contingency that the missing portion on Crossover Youth Committee be submitted to the Chair and Vice Chairs for approval prior to the reports distribution.

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V. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

9. Matters not posted on the agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Commission, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (12-5332)

There were none.

Announcements

10. Announcements for the meeting of December 3, 2012. (12-5334)

There were none.

Public Comment

11. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (12-5333)

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

Adjournment

12. Adjournment of the meeting of December 3, 2012. (12-5335)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.